

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Shinichi MIHARA et al.  
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FOR : ZOOM LENS, AND ELECTRONIC IMAGING SYSTEM  
USING THE SAME  
GROUP ART UNIT : (Unassigned)  
Examiner : (Unassigned)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 7-12, and 19-20, as follows:

7. The zoom lens according to claim 1 ~~or 4~~, wherein the lens group A comprises a subgroup A1 comprising a negative meniscus lens convex on an object side thereof, a reflecting optical element for bending an optical path and a subgroup A2 comprising at least positive lens.

8. The zoom lens according to claim 1 ~~or 4~~, which further comprises lens groups on an image side of the zoom lens with respect to the aperture stop, wherein focusing is performed with any of the lens groups located on the image side.